

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Call to Order: Chair Alan Redfield, on March 23, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 137 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Alan Redfield, Chair (R)
Rep. Scott Staffanson, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Fred Anderson (R)
Rep. Jacob Bachmeier (D)
Rep. Becky Beard (R)
Rep. Bryce Bennett (D)
Rep. John Fleming (D)
Rep. Bill Harris (R)
Rep. Wendy McKamey (R)
Rep. Dale Mortensen (R)
Rep. James O'Hara (R)
Rep. Andrea Olsen (D)
Rep. Walt Sales (R)
Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway (R)
Rep. Peggy Webb (R)

Members Excused:

Rep. Gordon Pierson Jr, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Willis Curdy (D)
Rep. Moffie Funk (D)
Rep. Jim Hamilton (D)
Rep. Dennis R. Lenz (R)
Rep. Zac Perry (D)
Rep. Vince Ricci (R)
Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Sydney Kessel, Committee Secretary
Jason Mohr, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SJ 19, SB 285, & HB 631
Executive Action: HB 410 & HB 631

00:01:00 Rep. Perry, Rep. Funk & Rep. Pierson joined the meeting

HEARING ON SJ 19

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:27 Sen. Mike Phillips (D), SD 31, opened the hearing on SJ 19, Resolution requesting removal of brucella abortus from federal list.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:49 Marty Zaluski, Montana State Vet
00:05:49 Chelsie Cargill, Montana Farm Bureau Federation
00:06:55 Rep. Ricci joins meeting
00:07:37 Ken McDonald, Fish Wildlife and Parks (FWP)
00:08:39 Cori Anderson, Montana Stock Growers Association (MSGA) & Montana Cattle Woman (MCW)
00:09:35 Nick Gevock, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:10:40 Rep. Harris
00:11:28 Marty Zaluski, Montana State Vet
00:12:34 Rep. Hamilton joins meeting
00:12:41 Rep. Harris
00:13:05 Marty Zaluski, Montana State Vet
00:13:45 Rep. Curdy joins meeting
00:14:00 Rep. Harris
00:14:10 Marty Zaluski, Montana State Vet
00:14:25 Rep. McKamey
00:14:56 Marty Zaluski, Montana State Vet
00:15:39 Rep. McKamey
00:15:51 Marty Zaluski, Montana State Vet

Closing by Sponsor:

00:16:25 Sen. Phillips

HEARING ON SB 285

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:18:31 Sen. Mike Lang (R), SD 17, opened the hearing on SB 285, Establish the Montana Pulse Crop Committee.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:21:29 Kim Murray, Self
00:25:53 Charlie Cahill, Self

EXHIBIT(agh60a01)

00:28:29 Rep. Windy Boy joins meeting

00:30:52 Krista Lee Evans, Montana Agricultural Business Association (MABA)
00:34:52 Cort Jensen, Montana Department of Agriculture (DOA)
00:37:53 Levi Ostberg, Montana Farmers Union (MFU)
00:38:46 Dave Galt, Columbia Grain

EXHIBIT(agh60a02)

00:38:50 Rep. Hamilton joins meeting

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:39:16 Rep. Staffanson
00:39:45 Sen. Lang
00:40:00 Rep. Curdy
00:40:24 Cort Jensen, DOA
00:40:40 Rep. Curdy
00:41:32 Kim Murray, Self
00:42:42 Rep. Curdy
00:42:55 Kim Murray, Self
00:46:35 Rep. McKamey
00:46:50 Cort Jensen, DOA
00:47:37 Rep. McKamey
00:47:51 Cort Jensen, DOA
00:48:35 Rep. Olsen
00:50:09 Sen. Lang
00:52:03 Rep. Olsen
00:52:32 Sen. Lang
00:54:08 Rep. Hamilton
00:54:38 Krista Lee Evans, MABA

Closing by Sponsor:

00:56:30 Sen. Lang

EXHIBIT(agh60a03)

00:58:23 Chair Redfield
00:58:58 Jason Mohr, Legislative Service Division (LSD)

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 410

01:01:04 **Motion:** Rep. Staffanson moved that **HB 410 DO PASS.**

01:02:27 **Motion:** Rep. Staffanson moved that **HB 410 BE AMENDED.**

EXHIBIT(agh60a04)

Discussion:

01:02:50 Chair Redfield

01:03:13 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Bachmeier voted by proxy.

01:03:31 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Staffanson moved that **HB 410 BE AMENDED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Bachmeier voted by proxy.

[EXHIBIT](#)(agh60a05)

01:04:41 **Motion:** Rep. Mortensen moved that **HB 410 BE AMENDED**.

[EXHIBIT](#)(agh60a06)

Discussion:

01:05:04 Rep. Mortensen
01:05:21 Rep. Olsen
01:05:32 Rep. Mortensen
01:05:56 Rep. McKamey
01:06:20 Chair Redfield
01:06:30 Rep. Funk
01:07:05 Rep. Mortensen
01:07:16 Rep. Harris
01:07:48 Rep. Sales
01:08:20 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway

01:08:45 **Vote:** Motion failed 9-14 by roll call vote with Rep. Anderson, Rep. Harris, Rep. Lenz, Rep. Mortensen, Rep. O'Hara, Rep. Ricci, Rep. Sheldon-Galloway, Rep. Staffanson and Rep. P. Webb voting aye. Rep. Bachmeier voted by proxy.

01:10:19 **Motion:** Rep. Windy Boy moved that **HB 410 BE AMENDED**.

[EXHIBIT](#)(agh60a07)

Discussion:

01:10:44 Rep. Windy Boy
01:11:43 Jason Mohr, LSD
01:12:34 Rep. Windy Boy
01:13:30 Rep. Olsen

01:13:46 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Bachmeier voted by proxy.

01:14:18 Chair Redfield
01:14:58 Rep. Olsen
01:15:15 Rep. Windy Boy

01:15:29 **Vote:** Motion carried 14-9 by roll call vote with Rep. Beard, Rep. Harris, Rep. Lenz, Rep. Mortensen, Rep. O'Hara, Rep. Ricci, Rep. Sheldon-Galloway, Rep. Staffanson and Rep. P. Webb voting no. Rep. Bachmeier voted by proxy.

01:17:03 Recess
01:33:57 Reconvene with Rep. Staffanson as Chair

HEARING ON HB 631**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:34:13 Rep. Alan Redfield (D), HD 59, opened the hearing on HB 631, Provide student loan forgiveness for new farmers.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:35:40 Levi Ostberg, Montana Farmers Union, (MFU)
01:39:46 Cori Anderson, Montana Stock Growers Association (MSGA) & Montana Cattle Woman (MCW)
01:41:10 Chelsie Cargill, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)

Opponents' Testimony: None**Informational Testimony:**

01:44:44 Cort Jensen, Department of Agriculture (DOA)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:45:07 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway
01:45:47 Chelsie Cargill, MFBF
01:46:48 Rep. Hamilton
01:48:04 Chelsie Cargill, MFBF
01:49:01 Rep. Hamilton
01:49:38 Chelsie Cargill, MFBF
01:50:01 Rep. Curdy
01:50:27 Levi Ostberg, MFU
01:50:43 Cort Jensen, DOA
01:51:00 Rep. Harris
01:51:28 Chelsie Cargill, MFBF
01:51:48 Rep. Harris
01:52:08 Chelsie Cargill, MFBF
01:52:21 Rep. Olsen
01:53:02 Chelsie Cargill, MFBF
01:53:56 Rep. Olsen
01:54:29 Cort Jensen, DOA
01:56:16 Rep. Olsen
01:56:27 Cort Jensen, MFBF
01:56:42 Rep. Bennett
01:57:25 Rep. Redfield
01:57:58 Rep. McKamey
01:58:40 Rep. Redfield
01:59:04 Rep. McKamey
01:59:48 Rep. Mortensen
02:00:20 Rep. Redfield
02:00:30 Rep. Pierson
02:00:59 Rep. Redfield
02:01:19 Rep. Webb
02:01:56 Rep. Redfield
02:02:38 Rep. Harris

02:04:07 Chelsie Cargill, MFBF

Closing by Sponsor:

02:04:43 Rep. Redfield

02:07:14 Rep. Redfield resumes Chair

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 631

02:08:18 **Motion:** Rep. Pierson moved that **HB 631 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

02:08:25 Rep. Bennett

02:08:56 Chair Redfield

02:09:05 **Motion:** Rep. Bennett moved that **HB 631 BE AMENDED.**

EXHIBIT(agh60a08)

Discussion:

02:09:36 Rep. McKamey

02:10:11 Chair Redfield

02:10:26 Rep. Brown

02:10:39 Jason Mohr, LSD

02:10:55 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Bachmeier and Rep. Windy Boy voted by proxy.

02:11:08 Rep. McKamey

02:11:21 Rep. Brown

02:12:10 Rep. Fleming

02:12:38 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Pierson moved that **HB 631 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**
Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Bachmeier voted by proxy.

02:12:59 Chair Redfield

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 02:14:14

Sydney Kessel, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([agh60aad.pdf](#))